

1. Brief History of this amazing program
 - a. Began in 1997, over the past 16 years has generated \$130 Million to Montana endowments.
 - b. Renewed by Legislatures in 2001 and again in 2007, is set to sunset this year.
 - c. Now it is time to re-new this program for 6 more years.
2. Benefit to the People of Montana
 - a. Lessens the burden of government to fund important programs
 - b. A Tax Credit that is truly Philanthropic. With this one, you have to give wealth in order to benefit. (Not just adjust your social behavior, like most tax credits.)
 - c. Keeps money from large estates, in the state, instead of all to out-of-state heirs
3. How it works
 - a. Contribute a gift to any 501(c)3, that has a Montana Endowment
 - b. Individuals (95% of participants are individuals) - can deduct 40% of the value of the gift. This is a great incentive to the wealthy.
 - c. Businesses (5% of participants are businesses) - can deduct 20% of the value of the gift (used by corporations, partnerships, LLC's)
4. The Timely Importance at this place in our history
 - a. There is a societal shift to more public/private partnerships (and less direct government support)
 - b. This is good, stable tax policy (important now for planning)
 - c. Sunsets in 2013 if we do not take action
5. Minor Amendments (Kurt Alme - former Director of Revenue)
 - a. Pg 1, line 23: update our law to reflect adherence to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act
 - b. Pg 2, lines 15-24: corresponding definition of "permanent irrevocable fund"
 - c. Pg 3, line 1: a contribution is not a planned gift unless payment begins during the expected life of the annuitant
 - d. Pg 4, lines 11-12: we don't want outright gifts to qualify for the credit, so the annuity rates must be at least 5%
6. Summary
 - a. This is a simple 6-year renewal of one of the strongest, more beneficial programs to our State. (a regular renewal means healthy accountability to the taxpayers.)
 - b. This is good tax policy that helps people, and benefits the future of our state.